

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and

*Whereas*, Paul Below grew up on a farm north of Watertown, South Dakota, and has worked in some capacity for Watertown (Monument Works) Rock of Ages since he was 16 years of age; and,

*Whereas*, Paul is admired by his colleagues for the total dedication and sound work ethic he has displayed in a variety of positions throughout his 57 years in the granite industry; and,

*Whereas*, Paul and his wife of 52 years, Evelyn, are proud of their three sons, Paul, Scott and Aaron and their families, which include three granddaughters; and,

*Whereas*, Paul is recognized in the community for his membership in the Codington County Historical Society, Izaak Walton League, South Dakota Walleye's Unlimited, and his involvement as a 4-H Horse Leader, Treasurer of Lake Township and Junior and Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church; and,

*Whereas*, Paul will retire on December 20, 2006, as the current plant manager in Watertown and plans to enjoy his many hobbies of fishing, camping, woodworking, reading and yard work at his 5-acre home site; and,

*Whereas*, Paul's colleagues will host a surprise open house on December 19, 2006, and it is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize Paul for his 57 years of service and commitment:

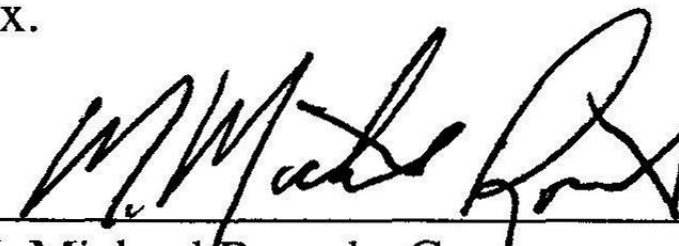
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 20, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State